Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Literate, informed citizens are essential to the productivity of our state and nation and to the survival of our democratic institutions; and,

Whereas, We live in a complex world that requires ready availability of knowledge and information to make important decisions affecting self-government, employment, health and welfare; and,

Whereas, Libraries preserve and make accessible the wisdom of the ages, as well as contemporary ideas and information; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's libraries provide the books, Internet access, services, programs and other resources to help our children thrive in school and beyond; and,

Whereas, In schools and universities, librarians teach the critical information literacy skills that students need to succeed throughout our lives; and,

Whereas, South Dakota libraries support economic development by offering a network of resource sharing, information for businesses, venues for distance education, and physical space to freely study and formulate ideas; and,

Whereas, South Dakota libraries are places of opportunity, providing everyone from all backgrounds with free access to knowledge and information that support individual achievement, growth, and personal fulfillment; and,

Whereas, Librarians are the information professionals who answer our questions and ensure our right to know by providing the resources we need to live and work effectively; and,

Whereas, Libraries are the mind and soul of their communities, and librarians the mind and soul of the library; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Library Association is celebrating 100 years of service to promote the library profession, and to further development of South Dakota library employees and library trustees:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2004, as

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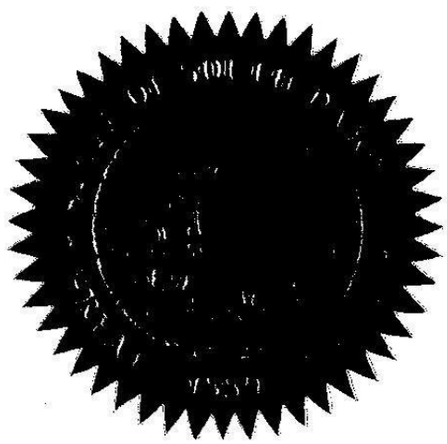
in South Dakota, and I encourage all residents to join me in supporting our libraries for the essential service and programs they provide.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State